

Nursing

Fall 2022 Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 6, 2022

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

External Participants: 7

Nichole Becker – Clinical Educator, Crusader Community Hospital

Christi Coulter– I&A Supervisor/SHIP Office Coordinator, Elder Care Services

Lisa Novak – Chief Executive Officer, Northern Illinois Hospice

Amber Davis- RN to BSN Coordinator, Northern Illinois University

Mandy (Amanda) Haberman – Western Region Director of Professional Practice,
Northwestern Medicine

Dana McKinney – Nurse Educator, Rochelle Community Hospital

Jasmine Del Toro – Professional Development Coordinator, Northwestern Medicine

Internal Participants: 16

Dr. Laurie Borowicz - President

Dr. Jessica Berek – Dean of Instruction

Angela Delmont – Director of Nursing

Cheryl Angel – Instructor-Nursing

Ashley Foltz – Instructor-Nursing

Sherry Haley – Instructor-Nursing

Lynnette Meurer – Instructor-Nursing

Cindy Prendergast – Instructor-Nursing

Kathy Schnier – Instructor- Nursing

Kay Singer – Instructor-Nursing

Kelly Soost – Instructor-Nursing

Kaylee Abbott – Nursing Student

Alex Cluff – Nursing Student

Nicole Klassen – Nursing Student

Amanda Ortiz - Simulation Lab Coordinator

Kim Jordal – Administrative Specialist II

I. College and Program Updates

College Updates: The College has seen an increase in enrollment for the first time in 11 years and continues to work on a variety of college goals. The Health Sciences Division was the recipient of the PATH grant which is covering all costs associated with a variety of short-term programs including Basic Nursing Assisting. Additionally,

the College is holding a Health Sciences Open House on Wednesday, November 2 from 5-7pm featuring all allied health programs.

Program updates – Basic Nurse Assisting: Once the details of the PATH grant were released, the College has seen an increase in the demand for the BNA. The section offered in the first 8 weeks was filled and there are two sections in the second 8 weeks to help meet demand.

Program updates – Nursing: The site visit conducted by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) was positive and the program expects full re-accreditation. Thank you to all partners who participated in the process. Applications for the Spring 2023 cohort are open; there are 50 seats available (40 for day sections, 10 for evening section). A full-time evening faculty position has been posted for anyone interested in teaching at Kishwaukee College.

Nursing Pass Rates and Current Enrollment

- a. The Kishwaukee College National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurses (NCLEX) pass rate for 2021 was 83% and State and National averages were 82%
- b. NCLEX pass rate so far for 2022 is 88%.
- c. Current student enrollment in the nursing program is 103. There are 30 students in 1st semester 30, 26 in 2nd semester, 21 in 3rd semester and 26 in 4th semester.

II. Strategic Planning and Discussion

Clinical site needs and documentation: Each clinical site has slightly different requirements regarding vaccination documentation, required training, or others. Are there suggestions for a streamlined process that could be used for all sites? Suggestions included site access to the Castle Branch document repository or a single form from the College to sites verifying all documents are on file, including site specific requirements.

Clinical sites are also taking a limited number of students or at limited times; this presents challenges to ensuring students are getting enough clinical experiences. Alternative community health sites were suggested including adult day centers. Due to new nurses entering the field, clinical site preceptors are often engaged in training new staff and cannot take on more students.

Employment Outlook: Representatives from Northwestern Medicine shared turnover seems to have slowed and is hopefully stabilizing. The College is also seeing an increase in program applications after a low period. Several shared that helping new grads find the right position is important. Finding a good fit can be related to students having enough diverse and meaningful clinical experiences.

End of Program Student Learning Outcomes (EPSLO): – A handout was shared that described all outcomes and the process used to assess students at the end of their clinical experiences. This is to ensure that Kishwaukee College is preparing future nurses with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes for success. The group supported the current outcomes and process.

III. Next meeting: Date to be announced